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SUBJECT: WORLD AIRWAYS

EMBASSY REQUESTED DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO WORLD
AIRWAYS LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR TRANSMISSION TO PRESIDENT
TRAORE ASAP:

FOR FALDT, WORLD AIRWAYS

PRIVATE MESSAGE DATE: APRIL 23, 1975
HIS EXCELLENCY COLONEL MOUSSA TRAORE
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALI

EXCELLENCY: IT IS VERY DISTURBING TO ME TO HAVE TO CALL
YOUR ATTENTION TO THE VERY POOR RECORD OF AIR MALI IN
MAINTAINING THE REQUIRED PAYMENTS TO WORLD AIRWAYS FOR
SUPPORT SERVICES UNDER OUR EXISTING CONTRACT. AT PRESENT
THERE IS OVER 200 THOUSAND US DOLLARS PAST DUE AND AN
ADDITIONAL APPROXIMATELY 70 THOUSAND US DOLLARS COMING
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DUE BY THE 10TH OF MAY. THIS SITUATION IS NOT IN ACCOR-
DANCE WITH ASSURANCES MADE TO ME PERSONALLY BY YOUR
EXCELLENCY AND MINISTERS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT.

WE HAVE JUST NOW RECEIVED A COMMUNICATION FROM OUR BAMAKO OFFICE STATING THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF MALI HAS RELEASED FUNDS TO AIR MALI TO PROVIDE FOR FULL PAYMENT OF ARREARAGES THIS WEEK PLUS A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT FOR THE IMPENDING OVERHAUL OF YOUR BOEING 727 AIRCRAFT TZ-ADR IN MAY. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THIS COMMITMENT BE MET AND IT SHOULD ALSO PROVIDE FOR THE AGREED 150 THOUSAND US DOLLARS OVERHAUL ADVANCE PAYMENT PLUS THE PAYMENT WHICH WILL BE DUE 10 MAY FOR APRIL SERVICES. IT IS MY HOPE THAT IN THE FUTURE THE FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS UNDER OUR CONTRACT MAY BE MORE REGULARLY MAINTAINED WHICH WILL MAKE OUR WORKING TOGETHER IN A CONTINUING RELATIONSHIP AS OUTSTANDING AND SUCCESSFUL AS THE PAST MANY YEARS.

PLEASE ACCEPT MY MOST SINCERE PERSONAL REGARDS, EXCELLENCY, AND BE ASSURED THAT I AM AWARE OF YOUR MANY PRESSING PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT OF YOUR FINE COUNTRY. IT HAS BEEN MY PLAN FOR SOME TIME TO PAY A RETURN VISIT TO AFRICA AT WHICH TIME I WOULD LOOK FORWARD TO A RENEWED VISIT TO MALI. HOWEVER MY PLANS HAVE BEEN DELAYED DUE TO URGENT PROBLEMS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA OF WHICH YOU ARE UNDOUBTEDLY AWARE.

WITH A WARM HANDSHAKE FROM ACROSS THE WORLD IN ASIA, I REMAIN YOURS SINCERELY, EDWARD J. DALY, PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, WORLD AIRWAYS, INC. KISSINGER

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